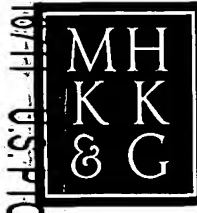


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Transmitted herewith for filing is a disclosure including a title page, a 125 page specification, 137 pages of claims (Claims 1-888), and a one page abstract. In addition, we have also included drawings on 56 sheets (figures 1-93). The disclosure and drawings constitute the application of Mitta Suresh, Vittorio Accomazzi, Diego Bordegari, Ellen Jan and Jude Dalton for the above-entitled invention.

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/443,604 entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING CARDIAC INTERVENTION" filed January 30, 2003 and to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/526,023 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR IMAGE PROCESSING AND CONTOUR ASSESSMENT" filed December 1, 2003.

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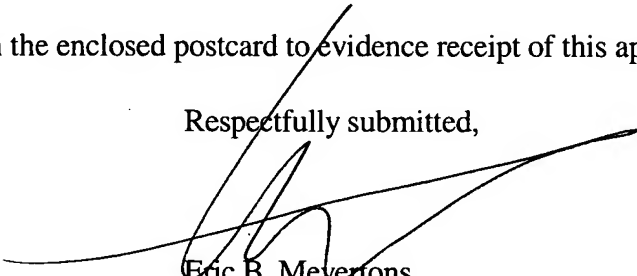
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